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San Diego Police Department

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POLICE IDENTIFY OFFICER INVOLVED IN SHOOTING WITH A HOMICIDE SUSPECT IN SOUTHCREST

On November 8, 2015, 20 year-old Arline Iribe and her brother, 22 year-old Alexis Velarde, were shot and killed behind a residence in the 1100 block of South 43rd Street. 39 year-old Felipe DeJesus Vega was identified as the suspect in both of these murders. Vega was last seen driving a 1998 green Oldsmobile Cutlass bearing California license plate 4SRJ746.

On November 12, 2015, at about 9:30 p.m., A San Diego Police Officer saw Vega driving the above listed vehicle in the area of 1000 South 43rd Street. A vehicle stop was initiated but Vega fled. A vehicle pursuit ensued and Vega threw a handgun out of the window of his vehicle.

Ultimately, Vega pulled into an apartment complex in the 3500 block of Van Dyke Avenue and refused to exit his vehicle. Emergency negotiators attempted to persuade Vega from the vehicle. Non lethal resources were used that included pepper spray and a police canine. The ordeal continued over two hours when Vega exited the car then reached for his waistband area while turning toward officers and emergency negotiators. One San Diego Police Officer fired one round at Vega striking him in his upper torso. He was transported to a local hospital and is listed in stable condition.

The officer involved in this shooting was Officer Christopher Luth. Officer Luth is an 11-year veteran with the San Diego Police Department.

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